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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 4 recites the limitation "the additional payment" in the second line.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. There is no payment and/or additional payment claimed in the independent or preceding claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim ¹⁻⁴ ~~1-4~~ rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over www.madd.org; retrieved wayback machine, Dec. 07, 1998 any linkage; in view of "Easy access for all users; Chicago Tribune, Nov. 10, 1999 Michele Fitzpatrick.

3. As to claim 1 MADD teaches a method of a virtual candle on a website personalized to a person who has died(Pg. 3 ¶5). MADD teaches a method of displaying the candle(Pg.4 ¶3 & Pg 8-9). However, MADD fails to teach a method of selecting a specific candle with dates. Fitzpatrick teaches a website

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for ordering virtual candles with a selection of 150 choices as well as scheduling time and dates for greeting delivery. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Fitzpatrick with MADD so as to have a personalized tribute that will run for an appropriate time to keep the tribute accurate.

4. As to claim 2, both MADD and Fitzpatrick teach the virtual candle over a webserver. It is obvious as being well known in the art that a server automatically performs an action.

5. As to claim 3, MADD and Fitzpatrick both teach a "Virtual Candle" in which virtual is defined by www.netlingo.com as a simulation of the real thing, experiencing something without having to be physically present.

6. As to claim 4 examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the business arena to make additional payments to extend a service one is receiving. Examples are that such as cellular phones, magazine subscriptions. Once the time frame has run out for the initial purchase an individual must pay additional amounts or the service is terminated.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patent 5 426 594, Wright et al; June 20, 1995, Electronic card store and communication system. Foreign Patent EP 1111481 A2; Dec. 12, 1999; Jacob. A method of mobile prayer. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be

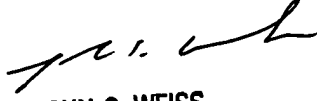
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directed to Traci L Smith whose telephone number is (703)605-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-4:30 pm.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 703.308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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